

NEARBY TOWNS IN BLUE JEANS' GRIP

Police Stimulated to Enforce Sunday Closing Statutes.

WHISKERS IN NEW HAVEN

Mount Vernon and Paterson Are Already in the Throes of a Crusade.

The Sunday atmosphere in the country about this city is rapidly assuming the hue of the sky. Blue jeans are being revived everywhere.

Up in Mount Vernon the Christian Endeavorers are active. Chief of Police E. J. McLean, who is determined that they will endeavor to close Mount Vernon as tight as a drum on Sunday.

Men with thirst in Mount Vernon yesterday were compelled to suffer or come to New York for alleviation. Relays of Christian Endeavorers watched the saloons with eagle eyes and none dared open a door. The police paid attention to merchants of Hebrew faith who contend that since they observe Saturday as their Sabbath they may do business in their stores on Sunday.

Arrested a Merchant.

Morris Greenwald is one of those. He was behind his counter yesterday morning when Policeman Gilroy, in plain clothes, entered and purchased an umbrella. The scandalized Gilroy immediately arrested Greenwald. Policeman Masters bought a necktie of Jacob Adelman and arrested him for violation of the Sunday law. Two other merchants were arrested. Both asked permission to kiss their wives before being taken to jail, and this was granted. The merchants escaped by back doors, when they will be tried.

New Haven, which has hitherto been as cheerful a place to spend Sunday in as any Connecticut town can be, slipped back to the blue law observance of 200 years ago yesterday. The city was like a camp. Not a store nor a barber shop was open. The merchants and barbers have decided to make the place so blue on Sundays that the people will rise and clamor greedily for a change of color. The only diverting incidents of the day were furnished by the barbers who walked through the streets carrying suspicious looking bags containing the necessities for shaving the visage of their customers at their own homes.

Paterson, N. J., was closed up tight that trains passed through with a hollow rumble, as if running over a covered bridge. Paterson has been closed up for several Sundays. An attempt was made to open the barber shops, and Recorder Senior will decide today the delicate question of the necessity of a Sunday shaver. There is no precedent on the New Jersey statute books.

Barbers Make Threats.

In case the decision of the Recorder is against the barbers, who are fighting for open shops, they threaten to enforce every provision of the New Jersey blue laws. These barbers who walk through the streets with whistles or sing or kiss his wife on Sunday is guilty of a crime.

Ice cream and candy stores in Englewood, N. J., which have been closed on Sundays for some time, were open yesterday. The crusade against them was dropped because of its unpopularity.

CHRISTIANS NEEDN'T FEAR JEWS IN PARADES.

So Asserts Professor Bacon, of Yale Divinity School.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 17.—"The quality necessary for real miracles is 'permanent incompressibility.' Most of the so-called 'miracles' are to be explained by scientific means."

In these words Professor Benjamin W. Bacon, of the Yale Divinity School, sounded the keynote of his address on the theme, "Is a Belief in Miracles Essential to Christianity?"

The professor rather startled some of his orthodox hearers by his arguments that such a belief is not essential.

"Let us consider," he said, "the so-called miracle of the crossing of the Red Sea. The place where the Israelites crossed, investigation has proved, is subject to peculiar conditions. The water is shallow and often flows back under the sand. Napoleon's army was able to ford this exact spot in its Egyptian campaign."

"Legendary 'accidents' were the term used by the professor in relation to several cited miracles of the New Testament. He said that the Apostles wrote of the miracles as they remembered them after a lapse of years. He called the Incarnation and the Resurrection the two great miracles because they were the test of 'permanent incompressibility.'"

"Science," he declared, "has reduced the number of the happenings under discussion so that now none can be classified as 'providential' rather than 'miraculous.'"

SHOT A MAN HIRED SOLELY TO PROTECT HIM.

Murder Committed by the Demented Son of a Prominent Cleveland Citizen.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 17.—Dudley Ferguson, a son of E. A. Ferguson, of Dayton street, has been afflicted with melancholia on account of failing to pass an examination recently for admission to the bar. The family employed Gus Meehan, a well-known detective, to "stand guard" over the son, to prevent him from doing injury to himself. When the detective appeared to-day young Ferguson shot him and Meehan soon died.

Young Ferguson was arrested.

E. A. Ferguson is one of the most prominent attorneys of this city. He is the author of the act that built the Cincinnati Southern Railway.

Death Devastates a Home.

Death twice has entered in home of Frederick E. J. Tapon in Bonhamton, near New Brunswick, in the last week and tomorrow his wife and baby will be buried in the same grave. Tapon was a happy husband and father and today a boy two weeks old died. On Saturday the child died after illness from blood poisoning and died two days after from blood poisoning.

Frederick Tapon was married only two years ago.

Jersey Fair Secretary to Resign.

Tuesday, N. J., Dec. 17.—John Gould Muhlenberg, secretary of the Jersey State Fair Association, has announced officially that he will resign in January. His action is the result of friction with the Board of Directors and their failure to properly support him in incurring expenses incidental to good execution of his duties.

Cincinnati Wants Convention.

Cincinnati, Dec. 17.—This city wants the Democratic National Convention. The Sangerfest bulletin board is being inundated in expectation of getting the convention. John A. McLean, the Ohio member of the National Committee is working for Cincinnati.

DR. PURVES ACCEPTS DR. HALL'S PULPIT

His Letter Will Be Formally Read on Wednesday.

DR. BRIGGS'S NEW WORK

The Rev. Minot J. Savage Defends England's War on Boers.

The successor of the late Dr. John Hall in the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will be the Rev. Dr. George T. Purves, D. D., of the First Presbyterian Church of Princeton, and professor of New Testament literature and Greek exegesis in Princeton Theological Seminary.

The call to Dr. Purves was extended as the result of a meeting of the Church Session and a committee from the congregation on December 3. The reply of Dr. Purves was received on Saturday, and expressed his willingness to accept the call.

His letter was not read from the pulpit yesterday, but it was announced that on Wednesday evening, in accordance with usual Presbyterian procedure, a meeting of the congregation would be held to vote formally on the question of taking Dr. Purves as pastor. As the matter has already been agreed to by both officers of the church and members of the congregation, the meeting of Wednesday will be formal only.

Dr. Purves was born in Philadelphia on September 27, 1832. He is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Princeton Theological Seminary, and is considered one of the most learned men on Bible literature in America. He has held several pulpits, as well as his professorships, and he frequently received calls that he has declined to accept. It is said, will be \$10,000 and a parsonage.

DR. BRIGGS WORKING ON THE EAST SIDE.

Professor Charles A. Briggs, D. D., whose trial for heresy in the Presbyterian Church a few years ago, attracted world-wide interest, and whose recent entrance into the Episcopal fold raised a temporary storm, has begun active work in the midst of the tenement life of the East Side.

Dr. Briggs is interested in the work of the Pro-Cathedral, on Stanton street, he said, when seen at his home yesterday afternoon. "It is situated in the middle of a very thickly settled district, including many Jews."

SAVAGE ON ANGLO-AMERICAN ALLIANCE.

The Transvaal war and the possible alliance of America and Great Britain were discussed by the Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage in his sermon yesterday morning, in the Church of the Messiah. He said:

"Our sympathies should be with England. The Boers have an exclusive right to the gold mines in their country, notwithstanding the fact that they were there first."

"If a people be in possession of a certain country, are they right in making it a disaster to believe that at every point the disaster have been right. I believe the attitude we have taken in the Philippines to be unimpeachably right, and I believe that a disaster to England would be the greatest calamity that could be conceived next to the destruction of our own republic."

CARDINAL GIBBONS TO PREACH IN ENGLAND.

That Cardinal Gibbons will deliver the sermon at the dedication next year of the new Catholic Cathedral at Westminster now seems certain. The invitation was tendered by Cardinal Vaughan some time ago, and until last month no doubt was felt that Cardinal Gibbons would go to England and be warmly welcomed there. Enthusiastic preparations for his reception were, at last, begun.

But last month some criticism began to be expressed in England because nine years ago Cardinal Gibbons wrote a preface to "Life of John Boyle O'Reilly," while the Life itself showed O'Reilly to have been guilty of some reprehensible political acts. Considered as a bold economic fact, aside from its humanitarian aspect, it is better for the State to save as many as it can of the 15,000 lives annually lost."

The Cardinal at once stated that his preface had referred only to the American Cardinal John Boyle O'Reilly, and the cloud has disappeared.

SERVICE OF THE ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE.

The third regular service of the Actors' Church Alliance was held last evening in the Church of Zion and St. Timothy, in West Fifty-seventh street. The Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, of Trinity Church, read the prayer.

The Rev. Dr. Walter E. Butler, who was formerly an actor, read the lessons, and the rector of the church, the Rev. Dr. Henry Lubek, preached the sermon.

The church was fairly filled. Among the present guests were Mrs. C. C. Crane, Mrs. F. Mackay, Miss Gray, Miss Engel, Miss Rosa Rand, S. Carmen Harriot, Miss Myra Boker, E. A. Warner, Adm. Moser, C. H. Montgomery, Mme. Thompson, Miss Margaret Lawrence, the Misses McNeill, Mr. and Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. J. Ward.

DR. HARSHA'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION.

The resignation of Rev. Dr. William J. Harsha, pastor of the Second Collegiate Reformed Church, of Harlem, was read yesterday morning to a large congregation. The reading of the resignation had been expected, and it was on that account that the specially large congregation had gathered.

It is understood that Dr. Harsha, who is in the West, will engage in missionary work among the Indians.

New Jersey News.

Charles S. Dunn, an athlete, who has been attending John Lyle's athletic school, engaged with a \$1,000 bill yesterday, charged with beating his wife and throwing her against a stove.

Mrs. Lord, widow of the late Samuel Lord, who was a member of the firm of Lord & Taylor, has been admitted to full membership in the Country Club, Orange. She is the only woman member.

D. L. Johnson, of New Brunswick, denies that he is engaged to Miss Beatie Morris, of Raleigh, N. C. He announced that he does not know a person of that name, and that some alleged engagement to marry her was a hoax.

No clew to the missing Theron Doreman, of Montclair, has been found. Of late he has been speaking much of Cuba, and it is thought that he has gone there.

Philip Rand, a leading citizen of Montclair, received a splendid silver loving cup last night from one hundred of his business associates.

The members of the Yountakot Country Club, of Montclair, had a paper chase on Saturday night. General Bill Spencer was among the riders, and J. C. H. H. had a hard fall.

The term of Postmaster Van Order, of Caldwell, has expired, and W. H. H. Condit, of New York, has been appointed to the office.

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HOSPITALS WANTED.

Legislature Will Be Asked to Build in the Mountains.

The new Legislature will be asked to establish a sanatorium for the cure of consumptives in either the Adirondacks or the Catskills. Physicians and representatives of charities which support this quest hope to prove to the people that it will pay to spend a good deal of money to check the spread of this disease.

Consumption now causes 13,000 deaths every year in New York State alone. It is recognized as a disease which is communicated from one person to another. A general scheme for stamping it out is being discussed and perfected by medical men.

A ready-made law has been passed authorizing cities of the first class to maintain hospitals for consumptives outside their corporate limits. These institutions are designed only for the isolation of advanced and hopeless cases of the great disease.

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Securities Held Abroad Might Be Dumped Here Any Time.

SENTIMENT THE DANGER

Little Reason to Fear Extensive Liquidation—Last Week's Market.

Following the squeeze in money rates, which the Rockefeller helped along, and the collapse of the speculation in C. pper shares in Boston, which the Standard Oil probed by, came the news of the British reverses in South Africa, all of which contributed to the heaviness of the stock market.

It appeared after the break in prices on Saturday and the ease in the London money rates, which naturally followed the relief obtained from the gold shipped from this center and from other parts of the world, that the turn had been reached in the security markets.

This belief, which was shared in by conservative interests in Wall Street, was not substantiated owing to the unexpected reverses in South Africa. The defeat of General Buller, who had been confidently expected to relieve the losses sustained by the British, caused a temporary outpouring of stock on both the London and the local market which carried every security downward at astonishingly rapid pace.

Bank Statement Misleading. It would be unfair to say that there was error in the bank statement published on Saturday, but certainly the ridiculous system of averages employed by the Clearing House prevented the actual condition of the banks from being correctly portrayed.

Again the stock market has demonstrated the truth of the old saying that a speculator who gambles in stocks on known statistics loses his money. The only side of the market for the margin speculator is the gambling side.

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